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Indubitable proof that summer is on the decline—the Clan Gordon picnic.

The national retail monument dealers will know that Barre is represented.

Now is the time when small-bore voters think they can gain prominence by announcing they are going to affiliate with such and such a party in the coming presidential campaign. They are getting a lot of notoriety at a cheap price, which is what they are looking for—in fact, what they thrive on.

It must be distinctly pleasing to Scotch people to learn that the prison records of their section of Great Britain was the best in 1915 since the year 1869, and that, too, notwithstanding the fact that the population has increased 45 per cent in that time. We daresay there are few countries or parts of countries that can show such a commendable decrease in criminal record under an increasing population.

The New Hampshire boys at Laredo are putting a good face on it, but we imagine that they would like pretty well to be counted among those returning to the Granite state for Old Home week.—Concord (N. H.) Monitor.

No doubt of it; but give your boys a chance to look about a bit before they turn their faces homeward. They haven't much more than arrived on the Mexican border, if we have kept our dates correctly in mind; at least, they haven't had so much time to get homesick as the remainder of the New England troops.

"There is no mistake, the food is excellent," writes home a member of the 1st Vermont infantry now encamped at Eagle Pass, Tex.; and he gives a sample menu of the dinner as follows: "We have had tea or lemonade, bread and butter, potatoes and meat, and also soup; then for a big top-off, as the boys call it, a big plate of good pudding." Surely good enough for anyone, and far better, in fact, than richer foods for existence in that climate. That there is plenty of it is further revealed by the same writer, who declares: "After you have been around for the second time you are pretty well filled up." The suppers are not quite so ample, but they are substantial for an evening meal, consisting of "coffee, bread and butter, potatoes and meat, and either apple sauce, prunes or peaches." Relatives and friends of the boys at the front need not fear that the soldiers will suffer for want of good, wholesome rations, and plenty of them.

The interests of Barre granite will be looked after quite satisfactorily at the annual meeting of the National Retail Monument Dealers' association in Cleveland next week by the three score of people who are to go to Cleveland for the purpose. Members of the party will be enthusiastic boosters for the Barre industry, and at the same time they will produce some visible proofs of the excellence of the Barre product in the shape of 10 carloads of finished monumental work. Barre does not desire to be unduly obtrusive but does desire to have its products placed before the people of the United States in a degree that the merit of the product demands. Hence, the unusual efforts that have been put forth to have a good representation at the annual convention of the monument dealers, together with some of the finest specimens of Barre's work of the smaller size. We wish for the Barre party a successful and pleasant trip to the convention city and return.

The selectmen of many towns in Vermont have been negligent this summer in the matter of cutting away the brush and small trees in close proximity to the highway, their failure having added to the inconvenience of travel and even to the actual danger. This applies particularly to sections where curves in the highway are bordered by this obstruction to vision, the result being that there is grave danger of collision between automobiles or between automobiles and teams or between teams. Some of Vermont's roads are twisting enough in and of themselves to make travel extremely hazardous even at slow speed; and the added handicap of obstructed vision makes them very much more of a menace. The people of every town should courteously bring this matter to the attention of their selectmen and request that the brush and small trees closely bordering the highway be cut without further delay. Prompt work along this line may forestall serious accident.

KEEP THE BEAUTY SPOTS CLEAN

Now that another week-end is at hand when, weather being favorable, the people will go out into the country for a little outing. The Times would like to add a word of emphasis to the communication which appeared in the paper a few days ago about leaving the picnic grounds in tidy condition, particular reference being made to Williamstown gulf, the favorite spot of all in this section. It ought to be said at the outset, however, that some receptacles should be placed in the gulf for the catching of the waste materials like useless lunch boxes, paper wrappers, etc.; but even though there be no special re-

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ceptacles there is no good excuse for letting the waste material fly about to become an eyesore to a spot of beauty and to lend the appearance of untidiness in general. It would be as easy to dispose of the refuse by placing it in some particular place, where it could be attended to later on. When scattered over the landscape it detracts greatly from the beauty of the place and gives a very poor impression of the spirit of the people who are accustomed to use the grounds. These days when a great many tourists are passing through the region there should be special pains to see that the thoroughfares are kept tidy. The Times trusts that the word of caution expressed by the writer of the communication will be heeded.

THE ITALIAN OFFENSIVE

With the bulk of the Austrian army engaged in conflict with the hordes of Russians in Galicia and other parts of the eastern war front, with Austria's human resources sadly drained by two years' fighting and with the tide turning in favor of the entente allies, it would seem to be a most opportune time for the Italian army to conduct the "vast offensive" which the newspaper despatches have heralded. The Italian forces in the mountain region lying between Italy and Austria are not confronted by as large an army now as they were some months ago, or before the Russians began their great drive; and they have sustained far less losses and must have piled up immensely greater munitions than the Austrians. Therefore, everything would seem to favor the success of the Italian campaign, barring, of course, the lay of the land, which is such as to enable a relatively small force of men to resist for a considerable time a much greater force that is attacking the heights. If ever the Italians are destined to win a great deal of territory from the Austrians now is the time.

The capture of Gorizia constitutes a very important step in the campaign and it helps to unlock the situation to a considerable extent. If all the reports from Rome can be given credence the Austrians had fortified Gorizia most formidably in order to make a determined stand against any invasion by their southern enemy. The capture of that city, together with fortified heights overlooking it, makes the first serious entering wedge of an Italian offensive that has tremendous possibilities for bringing an end to the war. Trieste and Pola are the next points upon which Italy looks with covetous eyes; and it is going to be a difficult task for Austria to hold the former city at least, while it may be taken for granted that the Italians will make a strong effort to win Pola, the naval base of the Austro-Hungarian nation and a most important point. If Trieste and Pola should fall, Austria would be done for, what with the losses of territory she is sustaining in the eastern part of the domain.

CURRENT COMMENT

Mr. Hughes on the Stump.

The series of addresses which Mr. Charles E. Hughes is now delivering throughout the Northwest bears impressive evidence that he is one of the most effective campaigners that this country has ever heard. New York learned this in his two gubernatorial candidacies, and the rest of the country is now finding it out. He is much the type of speaker of Benjamin Harrison. He exhibited a directness of style, a lucidity of argument and a capacity for neatly turning a phrase which Mr. Hughes seems also to possess in a happily marked degree.

It is no small task to make a campaign tour as a presidential candidate. This altitudinous prominence shuts off the possibility of repeating with some frequency the same speech, a practice which invariably comes to the relief of ordinary mortals. While we in the East may not be reading every word that the candidate says, the cities along the route are doubtless following him closely, and for each one he has to get up something which is substantially fresh, as well as sufficiently to the point to command the attention of the country.

Everything that a presidential candidate says is subject to the searching analysis of political opponents, as well as to daring challenge from every other quarter. In all these respects Mr. Hughes is acquiring himself well. In his controversies over the administration's indifference to civil service reform, and its treatment of the heads of scientific bureaus,

he is making a home drive. In spite of the fluttering of the cabinet, and attempted denunciations by professional party men, Mr. Hughes has been winning the debate, surely to the satisfaction of all disinterested observers of its progress.—Boston Herald.

The Railway Labor Crisis.

The railway brotherhoods refused to join the railways in an appeal to the national conciliation board for mediation, but when the railways made the appeal alone the brotherhoods accepted it to the extent of promising to give consideration to any proposal that the federal board might make.

Thus at the last moment, when a strike seemed inevitable, an armistice has been arranged for further negotiation. The brotherhoods have rejected the proposal of the railways for an arbitration of differences, but it is doubtful whether they will be willing to assume the responsibility of refusal should a proposal to the same effect be made by the federal board.

The brotherhoods reject the estimate of the railway managers that to yield to their demands would add \$100,000,000 to the railway labor bill. As things now are ten hours, or 100 miles of travel if accomplished in less than ten hours, constitutes a day's work. There is no extra allowance for overtime. Consequently the speed of railway freight trains has become slower and slower, and an increasing number of trainmen are subjected to long hours. It is contended that if railway freight trains are moved as fast as twelve and one-half miles an hour 199 miles can be covered in eight hours, and that thus the railways will be able to move as much freight as now with no increase in labor cost. It is the opinion of these trainmen, who think they know the railway business, that there is no good reason why freight trains should be moved as slowly as they are now. They assert that by the adoption of better and more efficient methods railroad managers can prevent any material increase in railway labor costs under the eight-hour day, notwithstanding the extra allowance for overtime. The case of the men has not been adequately presented to the public, and there is more reason than appears in the firmness of their attitude.

Nevertheless the men face the practical question that a persistence in a rejection of arbitration offers will put them in wrong with the public, and that if they lack public sympathy the strike is not likely to succeed. An expert board that goes into the details of train service should be able to work out a plan that will stop the long hours whose stoppage seems the chief objective of the men.—New York Globe.

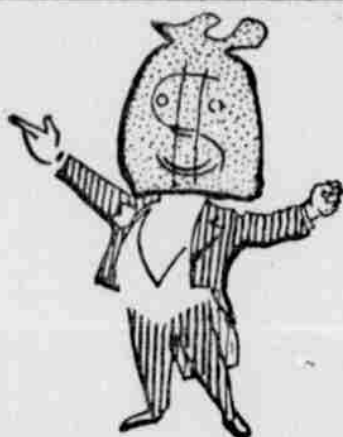
Col. Kittredge Haskins.

By the death of Colonel Kittredge Haskins, our sister state of Vermont loses one of her most substantial men—one who had been closely identified with the best interests of state and nation. It is difficult to believe the statement, found in his obituary notices, that Colonel Haskins was 80 years old; so recently was he a prominent figure in public affairs. A native of Vermont, Kittredge Haskins was one of her most loyal sons. A lawyer of marked ability, he served one term as state attorney of Windham county, and seven years as United States attorney for the district of Vermont. As member and speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives, and as state senator, he had commanded the confidence and respect of all his associates; and his fine qualities were recognized on a still broader scale during his four terms in Congress. His devotion to that which he considered his duty was illustrated by his course during the Civil war. Disabled in the service after he had enlisted in the sixteenth Vermont volunteers, he immediately entered the office of the assistant quartermaster, and served as a civilian employee until the close of the war. Only two years ago he completed a four-year term as postmaster at Brattleboro.

It is a fact not without significance, in this work-a-day world, that so able and so busy a man as Kittredge Haskins was for half a century, up to the time of his death, an active churchman; and that no small portion of his precious time and energy was given with enthusiasm to the work of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont. His receipt of the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Norwich university eight years ago occasioned favorable comment at the time, as well it might; for it was small enough recognition, on the part of a prominent educational institution of his own state, for a man of Colonel Haskins' calibre.

Vermont has experienced a real loss by the death of Kittredge Haskins. So, for that matter, has all New England; for Colonel Haskins, first a Vermonteer, was at all times a devoted and enthusiastic New Englander.—Manchester (N. H.) Union.

Hay from 500 acres of land in Whitefield, N. H., next to the river, has been destroyed this season, because last spring, when the water was high, it deposited refuse dye from a tannery, which poisoned more than 200 cows which ate the hay.

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Mission Union Sunday School, South Barre—Meets Sunday at 3 p. m. There will be no preaching service.

Washington Baptist Church—W. H. Bishop, pastor. Service Sunday afternoon at 1:30; subject, "The Fallen Man.".

First Presbyterian Church, Grantville—Dr. J. E. Piani will preach at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 11:45. All are cordially invited to attend.

Christian Science Church—Service at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. To these services all are welcome. The reading room is open Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 4 p. m. 7 Summer street.

Websterville Baptist Church—W. H. Bishop, pastor. Sunday morning service at 10:30; preacher, Rev. James Ramage. The pastor will preach at the evening service at 7 o'clock; subject, "The Fallen Man.".

Berlin Corners Congregational Church—Frank Blomfield, pastor. Morning service at 10:45; address by the pastor on "The Brave Three Hundred." Offering for Congregational Church Building society. Sunday school at noon.

First Baptist Church—Bert J. Lehigh, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Rev. N. C. Edwall will be the preacher. Bible school session at 12 o'clock. Park service at 5 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

East Barre Congregational Church—James Ramage, pastor. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Mr. Bishop, pastor of the Websterville Baptist church, will preach in exchange with the pastor. Sunday school at 11:45. Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—District conference will be held in the Worthen hall at 3 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend services. Hear what Mormons have to say about Mormonism. Pres. Jesse M. Smith will be in attendance.

Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor. Union service in the Congregational church Sunday morning. Preaching service in the park at 5 p. m. Rev. G. B. Lipsky will preach. Sunday school at the usual hour. Class meeting Tuesday evening and prayer meeting Thursday evening as usual.

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Orange Congregational Church—Morning worship at 11 o'clock; subject, "Doing the Impossible." Sunday school at the noon hour, with classes for all; topic, "The Grace of Giving." II. Cor. 9:1-15. Sunday school at Cutler Corner school-house at 4 o'clock p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 7 o'clock; subject, "True Beauty, and How to Get It." Prov. 31:10-31.

SOUTH ROYALTON

Members of the Barre Board of Trade and their ladies are to make their fourth better acquaintance automobile tour on Thursday evening, Aug. 17, with the objective point South Royalton. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock. Carroll's orchestra of Barre will furnish music during the supper hour. The Barre band will give an open-air concert. The Barre Board of Trade will show about 150 picture slides of Barre and her granite industry. Music will be furnished for outdoor dancing on a suitable platform. Barre will be represented by over 200 people and 50 automobiles. South Royalton has agreed that she and adjoining towns will match Barre with as many more people, men and women, at the supper table. Everybody in this town is invited to South Royalton Thursday evening, Aug. 17.

"Mr. Hughes' Dilemma."

Mr. Charles Evans Hughes must be wondering just where he will detract on the question of woman suffrage. His public statement in favor of a federal amendment has stirred up difficulties of a political nature at the very start.

In Mr. Hughes' own state the people only last fall voted down woman suffrage by a 200,000 majority. New York state is a fairly important community when the electoral votes are counted. Mr. Hughes must be giving some thought to that.

Now it is quite different in Kansas, where suffrage is already doing very well and where Mrs. Eva Harding, Democrat, is the lists as a candidate for Congress against Congressman Anthony, male and Republican. Of course Mr. Hughes will be expected to say a few good words in Kansas for Congressman Anthony and Congressman Anthony will discourse with enthusiasm for Mr.

Hughes. Mr. Anthony frankly confesses he would rather have a man to run against than Mrs. Harding.

And just to complicate matters further there are the bothersome "antislavery" who talked with Mr. Hughes confidentially a few days before he came out for the

amendment and who declare that Mr. Hughes' private talk with them would make very interesting reading just now. The wonder is that Mr. Charles Evans Hughes, having crossed the Canadian border, wanted to come back.—Boston Globe.

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